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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil **DATE TYPED** 2/13/2004 **HB** 333/aHGUAC/aHAFC

SHORT TITLE Education Incentive Pay for State Police **SB** _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			See Narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Department of Public Safety

SUMMARY

Synopsis of the HAFC amendment

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee (HAFC) amendment strikes the appropriations from the bill. The divisions would be required to find the funding for this educational incentive in the existing budget.

Synopsis of the HGUAC Amendment

The House Government and Urban Affairs Committee (HGUAC) amendment strikes the New Mexico State Police from the provisions of the bill. According to DPS, the State Police already have this educational incentive benefit.

Synopsis of Original Bill

As educational incentive pay, House Bill 333 appropriates \$24 thousand from the general fund to Department of Public Safety for the purpose of increasing pay by \$1,200/year for those commissioned officers who have earned a bachelor's degree and by \$1,500 for those who have earned a master's degree.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Public Safety did not provide data on the number of commissioned officers who currently hold a bachelor's or master's degree, or the number expected to obtain such degrees on an annual basis. Consequently, additional fiscal impacts are difficult to project. However, the attachment does provide estimates of implementation cost based several scenarios.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

How many commissioned officers currently have a bachelor's degree? Master's degree?

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Attachment